

Health care in Opolskie Voivodship in 2022

31 July 2023

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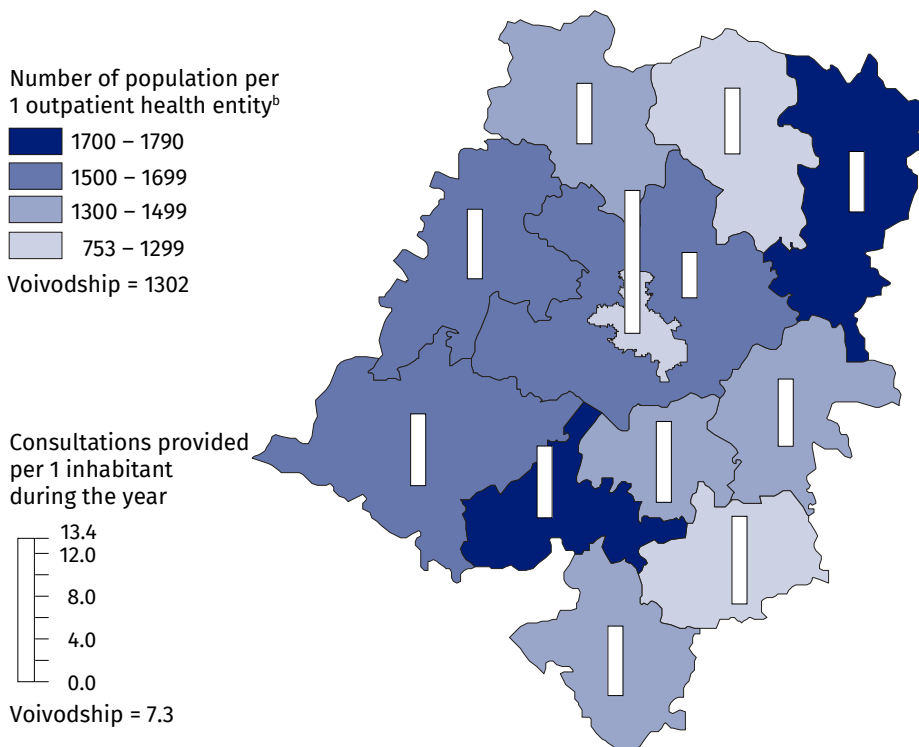
Increase in the number of medical consultations provided in outpatient health care compared to 2021

At the end of 2022, compared to the previous year, the number of entities in out-patient health care increased, as well as medical consultations provided by them. The number of generally available pharmacies increased, with a simultaneous decrease in the number of pharmaceutical outlets. Compared to 2021, more persons were provided with medical assistance at the place of occurrence, as well as in emergency mode (in hospital emergency wards and admission rooms).

Out-patient health care

At the end of 2022 in Opolskie Voivodship, health services under out-patient health care, were provided to inhabitants by 724 health care entities, of which 77.6% were located in urban areas. In relation to the end of 2021 the number of health entities increased (by 2.0%), while it decreased (by 8.7%) in relation to 2015. In the structure of these entities, both in relation to 2021 and 2015, there was an increase in the number of out-patient departments, with a simultaneous decrease in the number of practices of doctors and dentists.

Map 1. Out-patient health care^a in 2022



a Excluding consultations provided in general hospitals admission rooms. b As of 31 December.

At the end of 2022, there were 1302 persons (1366 in the year before) on average per 1 out-patient entity in Opolskie Voivodship. The highest value of analysed rate was recorded in Prudnicki Powiat (1790) and the lowest in the city of Opole (753).

The number of consultations (excluding consultations provided in general hospitals admission rooms) provided in out-patient health care per 1 inhabitant of Opolskie Voivodship in 2022 amounted to 7.3 versus 7.0 the year before. The largest number of consultations provided per 1 inhabitant was recorded in the city of Opole (13.4) and the lowest in Opolski Powiat (4.2).

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Table 1. Out-patient health care
As of 31 December

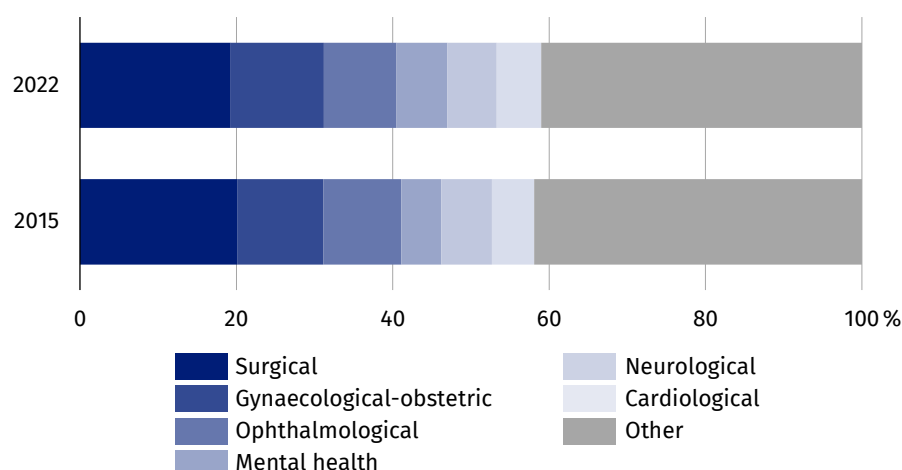
SPECIFICATION	2015	2021	2022		
	in absolute numbers			2015=100	2021=100
Out-patient departments	538	520	551	102.4	106.0
Doctors and dentists practices ^a	255	190	173	67.8	91.1
Consultations ^b provided in thousands (during the year)	7118.9	6701.2	6863.7	96.4	102.4
medical	6469.7	6154.6	6319.8	97.7	102.7
dental	649.2	546.6	543.9	83.8	99.5

a Data include practices that have signed a contract with the National Health Fund or with out-patient departments. b Including consultations paid by patients in out-patient departments as well as including consultations provided as part of night and holiday care services.

In 2022 in out-patient health care facilities a total of 6863.7 thousand consultations were provided (excluding consultations provided in general hospitals admission rooms). Compared to 2021 their number increased by 2.4% while in relation to 2015 it decreased by 3.6%.

In the total number of out-patient consultations provided in Opolskie Voivodship in 2022, a vast majority (92.1%) were medical consultations. Their number increased by 2.7% in relation to 2021, while it decreased by 2.3% compared to 2015. Among all medical consultations provided (excluding consultations provided as part of night and holiday care services, as well as consultations from admission rooms) in 2022, similarly to the year before, on average, every 2nd one was provided in primary health care, and every 3rd in specialist health care.

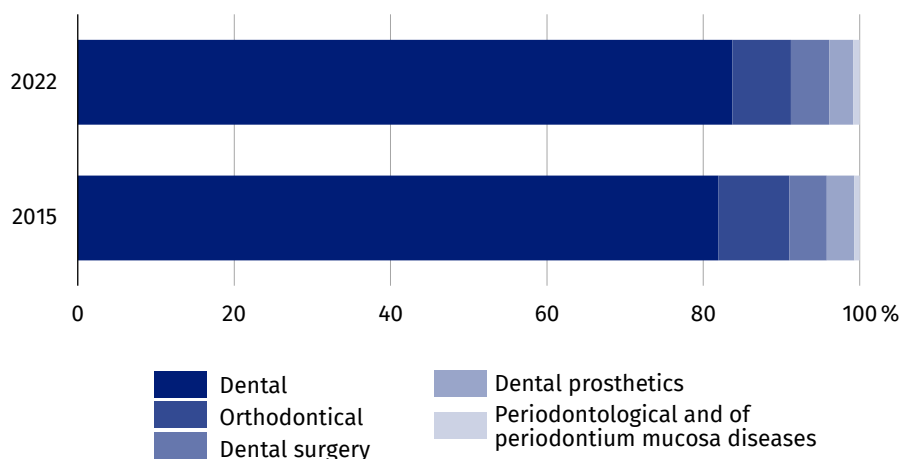
Chart 1. Structure of consultations provided in specialist health care by type of clinic



With regard to specialised health care in Opolskie Voivodship in 2022, medical services were most often provided in surgical clinics. Their share in the total number of provided consultations during a discussed period amounted to 19.3% in the voivodship and increased by 0.6 percentage point on a yearly basis, while it decreased by 0.8 percentage point compared to 2015.

Dental consultations provided in clinics of: dental surgery, orthodontics, periodontology and periodontal mucous diseases, stomatology and dental prosthetics in 2022 accounted for 7.9% of the total number of consultations provided in out-patient health care clinics in Opolskie Voivodship (the year before – 8.2%, and in 2015 – 9.1%).

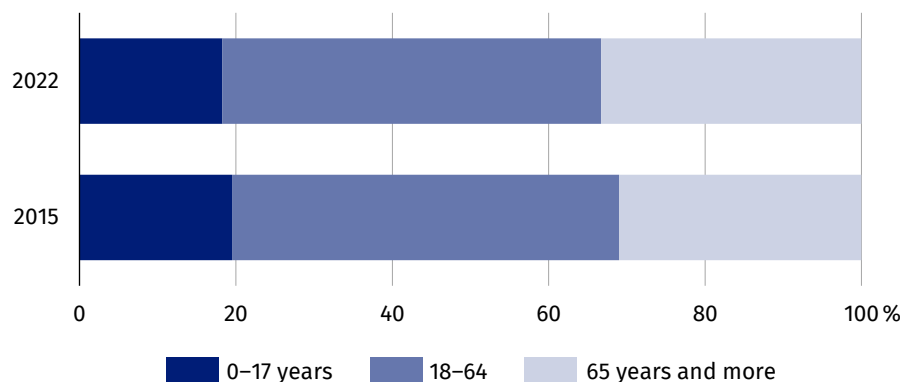
Chart 2. Structure of consultations provided in specialist dental health care by type of clinic



The number of dental consultations provided decreased by 0.5% on annual scale and by 16.2% in relation to 2015. Among all consultations provided within specialist health care, the most treatments in Opolskie Voivodship were provided in dental clinics. Their share in the total number of provided consultations in 2022 was at the level of 83.7% versus 82.2% a year earlier and 81.9% in 2015.

Over a half (57.7%) of consultations in out-patient health care (excluding consultations provided in general hospitals admission rooms) were provided to women. The number of medical consultations provided to women in Opolskie Voivodship was at the level of 3958.3 thousand and compared to 2021 increased by 2.5%, while it decreased by 4.8% in relation to 2015.

Chart 3. Structure of consultations provided in out-patient health care by age groups of recipients



Taking into account consultations by age groups of service recipients (excluding consultations provided in general hospitals admission rooms), they were most frequently provided for patients in the age group 18-64 years. In 2022, 3317.9 thousand of them were provided, which accounted for 48.4% of all the out-patient services provided in Opolskie Voivodship. In relation to 2021, the number of medical consultations provided in discussed group of service recipients decreased by 0.8% and by 5.8% compared to 2015. The number of consultations provided to children and youth in 2022 amounted to 1257.9 thousand and in relation to the previous year increased by 16.6%, while it decreased by 9.6% compared to 2015. Persons from the oldest age group (i.e. 65 years and more) in 2022 in the voivodship received by 0.5% more consultations than in the year before and by 3.7% than in 2015.

At the end of December 2022, in Opolskie Voivodship, 87.4% of out-patient health care entities were adapted to the needs of disabled persons. Out of them, 72.2% were fitted with slipways/driveways/platforms facilitating entrance to the building and 32.1% with a lift, of which 80.3% were adjusted for persons using wheelchairs.

Compared to the end of 2021 and 2015, the level of adjustment of units providing services in out-patient health care improved to the needs of disabled persons (expressed by a relation of in the number of units fitted with at least one adjustment for disabled persons to the total number of facilities operating in a given area). The number of health entities fitted with at least one adjustment for disabled persons increased by 3.3% on an annual scale and by 1.3% in relation to 2015.

Generally available pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets

At the end of 2022, in Opolskie Voivodship, 324 facilities supplied its inhabitants with medicine and medical devices. The number of generally available pharmacies on annual scale increased by 1.0%, while it decreased by 6.4% in relation to 2015. The number of pharmaceutical outlets decreased both in relation to the end of 2021 as well as 2015 (by 14.3% and by 36.2%, respectively).

Table 2. Generally available pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets
As of 31 December

SPECIFICATION	2015	2021	2022		
	in absolute numbers			2015=100	2021=100
Pharmacies	314	291	294	93.6	101.0
of which performing night shifts	163	86	86	52.8	100.0
Pharmaceutical outlets	47	35	30	63.8	85.7

Among the total number of operating generally available pharmacies in 2022 in the voivodship, 29.3% performed a night shift (in 2021 – 29.6% while in 2015 – 51.9%).

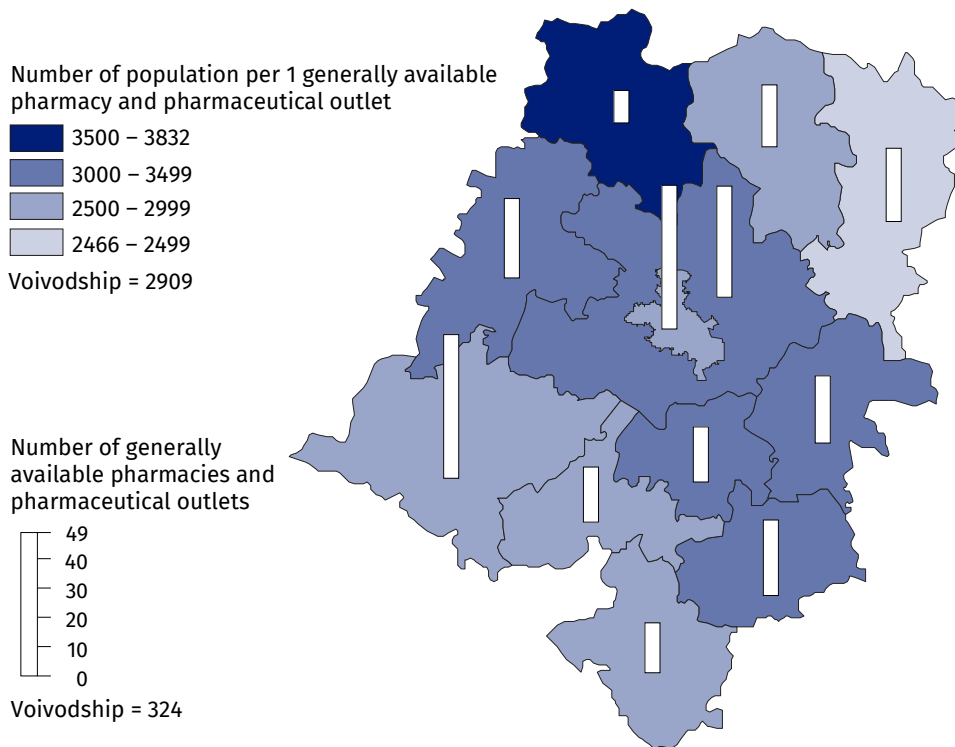
As in the year before, in 2022, mail order sales of medical devices via the Internet were declared by 1.4% of generally available pharmacies in the voivodship (in 2015 – 1.3%).

At the end of 2022, on average, there were 2909 inhabitants (2910 the year before) per 1 generally available pharmacy and pharmaceutical outlet in Opolskie Voivodship. The most inhabitants per 1 generally available pharmacy and pharmaceutical outlet occurred in Namysłowski Powiat (3832) and the least in Oleski Powiat (2466).

At the end of 2022, in Opolskie Voivodship, there were 2909 inhabitants per 1 generally available pharmacy and pharmaceutical outlet

Map 2. Generally available pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets in 2022

As of 31 December



At the end of December 2022, among all the operating generally available pharmacies and pharmaceutical outlets in Opolskie Voivodship, 79.3% had at least one amenity in terms of technical infrastructure adapted to the needs of disabled persons. Share of these facilities increased in the voivodship (by 1.4 percentage point) on annual basis as well as (by 0.1 percentage point) compared to the end of 2015. Among amenities, the most often occurring were slipways/driveways/platforms facilitating entry to the building (65.4% among the total number of entities having an amenity in 2022, i.e. more by 1.2 percentage point versus 2021, and by 9.1 percentage points in relation to 2015).

Emergency medical services and first aid

At the end of 2022, in Opolskie Voivodship, a medical help in emergencies was provided by 52 units of medical emergency system, which consisted of 44 emergency rescue teams (of which 12 specialist), 7 hospital emergency wards and 1 medical air rescue team. The base of listed units in the voivodship did not change over the year, however increased by 6.1% in relation to 2015. At the end of 2022, 4 admission rooms also cooperated with entities of medical emergency system and their number, both in comparison with 2021 and 2015, did not change.

There were 77 persons per 1000 population who were provided with medical assistance by emergency rescue teams at the place of occurrence

Table 3. Emergency medical services

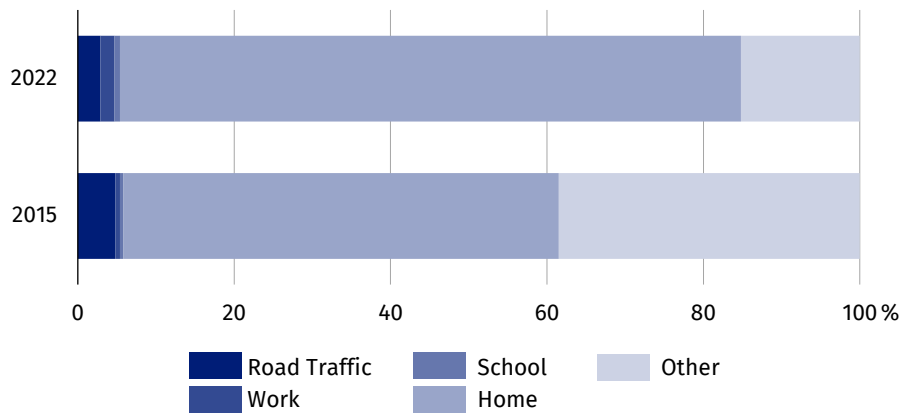
As of 31 December

SPECIFICATION	2015	2021	2022		
			in absolute numbers		2015=100
Units of medical emergency system	49	52	52	106.1	100.0
of which emergency rescue teams	42	44	44	104.8	100.0
Calls to the places of occurrence ^a	65929	70963	72655	110.2	102.4
Persons who received health service at the place of occurrence ^a	66215	71247	73003	110.3	102.5

^a During the year.

In 2022, in Opolskie Voivodship, emergency rescue teams completed 72.7 thousand calls to the place of occurrence. On an annual basis their number increased by 2.4% and by 10.2% in relation to 2015. Considering the place of occurrence, medical rescue teams were most often called to the patient's home.

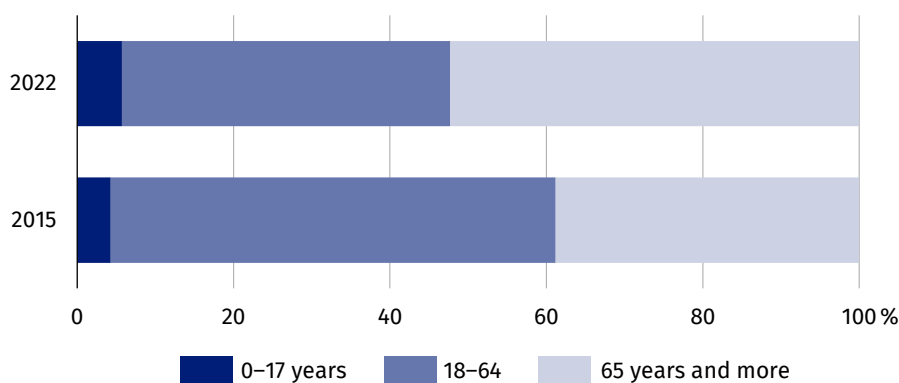
Chart 4. Structure of calls of medical rescue teams to the places of occurrence



In Opolskie Voivodship, a total of 73.0 thousand persons benefitted from the assistance of medical emergency technicians, i.e. more by 2.5% than a year earlier and by 10.3% than in 2015. Among the total number of persons who received assistance within the emergency medical services, over a half (50.2%) were women. The share of women benefitting from the assistance of medical emergency technicians decreased by 5.2 percentage points compared to the previous year, however increased by 1.6 percentage point in relation to 2015.

Among persons who received health service in 2022, over a half were persons in the age group of 65 years and more. Share of these persons on annual basis decreased in the voivodship by 0.5 percentage point – to the level of 52.3%, while it increased by 13.5 percentage points in relation to 2015.

Chart 5. Structure of persons who received health service at the place of occurrence by age groups



First aid in out-patient mode (not ended with hospitalisation) in 2022 was provided in the voivodship by 4 admission rooms and 7 hospital emergency wards. In total, 72.9 thousand of patients benefitted from their services, which, compared to 2021 means an increase of 9.1%, whereas a decrease of 20.8% in relation to 2015.

In 2022, health services were most often provided in surgical clinics (including trauma-orthopaedic and neurosurgery) – 56.3% of the total number of persons, who received health service (in 2021 – 54.2% and in 2015 – 35.1%).

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